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Mr. Alvin H. Pauole Acting Manager U. S. Department of Energy Rocky Flats Office P. O. Box 928 Golden, CO 80402-0928

Dear Mr. Pauole:

We are writing to update you on the recent events involving the Standley Lake Protection Project and to express our appreciation for federal agency participation in the ongoing technical work sessions. We are optimistic based on recent constructive and cooperative efforts at the staff level that this Project can now be moved expeditiously and successfully to completion. Toward that end, we want to assure that you are fully aware of the Cities' views as we work through the current critical decision-making phase.

Throughout the option review process and design of the Standley Lake Protection Project, the Standley Lake Cities have focused on three major goals. These three goals are equally applicable today:

- Physical isolation of Standley Lake from all Rocky Flats flows
- Project completion in a timely manner
- City input regarding project design, construction and operation

Based on these three goals, the Standley Lake Protection Project original design included a storage facility to capture native Woman Creek flows, test and treat the native flows, and ultimately route clean water around Standley Lake in a diversion canal.

In response to citizen and federal agency concerns with the diversion canal aspect of the project, the Standley Lake Cities have agreed to proceed with a project design which no longer includes a diversion canal around Standley Lake. Although we are willing go make this major reconfiguration of the project, we remain strongly committed to ensuring that any redesigned project satisfies the three major goals outlined above. Moreover, it is expected that the redesign of the project will facilitate the federal approvals necessary for timely physical isolation of all Rocky Flats flows from Standley Lake. Federal agency concurrence with the following principles will provide a framework for moving the project forward:

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- \* Physical isolation of Standley Lake from the Rocky Flats Plant flows
- \* Physical isolation completed prior to substantial clean-up at the Plant site
- \* Continued Federal Agency participation in technical work sessions to finalize the project design that the Cities and the Federal Agencies can support
- \* Commitment by the Cities and Federal Agencies to seek solutions that will facilitate expeditious completion of the Standley Lake Protection Project
- \* Agreement between Cities and Federal Agencies to seek solutions that will maintain the separation of project grant money from other Rocky Flats clean-up funding
- \* Federal Agency support during implementation and construction of consensus solution

The Standley Lake Cities are committed to achieving a solution with the Federal Agencies which satisfies our three major goals and complies with the relevant state and federal laws. Consensus on the above-stated principles provides a framework for continued cooperation towards achieving the three goals. We are encouraged that the recent technical meetings have been productive steps towards that end. We look forward to continued efforts in this regard prior to the June 4, 1993 meeting with Congressman Skaggs.

Finally, as you know, a separate effort is moving forward to provide a new permanent water supply for the City of Broomfield. Because of the anticipated use of Great Western Reservoir on the completed Standley Lake Protection Project, Broomfield has raised important concerns regarding the timing of completion and the operation of the project. The Standley Lake Cities remain committed to finding solutions that will meet all of the municipalities' needs.

We sincerely appreciate your staffs' efforts at the technical meetings and look forward to reaching a timely consensus on the best approach for the protection of Standley Lake.

Sincerely,

Nancy M. Heil, Mayor City of Westminster